Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Government have no information.

Land Revenue—Remission.

227. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Adverting to paragraph 8 of the Report of the Economic Depression Relief Measures Enquiry Committee appointed by the Cochin Government in 1109 and particularly to the passages therein "The supplementary measures proposed by him were deduction of land revenue,..... We also agree that unless supplemented by other measures of a substantial character mere reduction of interest rates may not bring any appreciable relief to the Agriculturists", will the Government state how they were justified in suspending the occasional remission in land revenue as against the said plea for a permanent reduction of our land revenue?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The Member is referred to the Diwan Peishkar's speech during the last budget session of the Council. (Pages 334 to 341 of the Council Proceedings, 4th series, Volume III, Part 3).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member for Revenue kindly inform the House why Government committees' recommendations alluded to in this answer for a permanent reduction in the rates of our land revenue assessment have not been accepted by Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The question contains an assumption which is disputed by Government. The committee did not recommend a further reduction of the land revenue.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—What does this narrated portion mean, Sir — "The supplementary measures proposed by him were deduction of land revenue" and so on?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—They were referring to somebody else's opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Were they not endorsing it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—They did not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—It is stated "We also agree that unless supplemented by other measures..... mere reduction of interest rates may not bring any appreciable relief

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to the agriculturists". When they continue in this strain, is it not a way of recommending for a permanent reduction in the land revenue?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Government thought otherwise.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—What were the supplementary measures referred to?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The committee may be referred to. We have no information.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—What is the purport of the answer? The question refers to the recommendation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The committee says that somebody else somewhere recommended and the committee expressed their opinion that unless supplemented by other measures which were not specified, mere reduction of of interest will not be of avail.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Does not Government think that the Committee endorsed the opinion for a permanent reduction in the land revenue?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—In my opinion, no.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Independently of the committee, what is the opinion of the Government in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—Independently of the committee Government feel that they were justified in the occasional remission that is being granted.

Unemployment problem—solution of—

228. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government State what measures they intend taking to alleviate the distressing condition of the people due to unemployment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—All that is possible by way of solving the unemployment problem in the State is being done by Government in the shape of increased provision for works of public utility and State aid to Industrial enterprises and undertakings. Government intend to continue the policy as far as possible.

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